



Winnebago County

# Health Department

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Winnebago County's Maternal, Infant & Child Health Team Launches Podcast Series

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) in collaboration with the Winnebago County Action Team and other partner agencies are launching a monthly podcast series, **Keeping Moms and Babies Alive**, to address maternal, infant, and child health challenges.

Winnebago County has a high infant death rate among African Americans. Infant mortality rate by race is 13.0 for Black/African American, 5.0 for White, and 4.0 for Hispanic populations. The county also has a high number of infants with low birth weight of under 5 lbs., 8 oz.

Too many women in the United States die within one year of pregnancy from pregnancy complications and other issues that can be associated with pregnancy. Maternal mortality is the death of a woman during pregnancy, at delivery, or up to **1 year after** pregnancy. Black women are three times as likely to die from pregnancy related complications as White women. Eighty-three percent of the pregnancy related deaths were potentially preventable. One-third of pregnancy-related deaths occurred more than two months after pregnancy.

The monthly podcast series starts Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and will discuss why these disparities exist and how to address these concerns.

### Keeping Moms and Babies Alive - A Monthly Podcast Series

First Show - April 28, 2022 at 12:30 PM

Topic: Understanding the Problem

Join Via Zoom or Watch on Facebook Live!

Facebook Page: [@KeepingMomsAndBabiesAlive](#)

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83783498987?pwd=dmhYeVhTUy9Kdmh6ekxTbHpFSnVadz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8349 8987

Passcode: 733397

Phone: 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Additional monthly shows will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM. For updated show topics and dates, check the Facebook Page: [@KeepingMomsAndBabiesAlive](#)

Knowing the [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs](#) for pregnancy-related complications and really listening could help save a life. For more information about pregnancy resources, **call WCHD** at 815-720-4000 and press 6 to be connected to the clinic registration staff.

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